

Application No. 10/088,750

Amendment and Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821 dated May 14, 2003

Reply to Office Action dated April 15, 2003

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification to delete the old sequence listing and insert a new sequence listing, as required by the Examiner. The Amendment does not introduce new matter, and is supported by the application.

Applicants have corrected the errors noted in the Raw Sequence Listing Error Report. Specifically, Applicants have corrected a typographical error in SEQ ID NO. 8 by deleting a letter to reduce the sequence to 29 nucleotides. Support for this correction can be found at, for example, page 18, line 2 of the application. Applicants have also corrected SEQ IDS NOS. 8-12 by adding a proper description under item <223>. Support for the corrections to SEQ IDS NOS. 8-12 can be found in the application at, for example, page 18, lines 1-9 and at Figs. 3 and 8A. The corrections do not introduce new matter. Applicants have processed the electronic version of the attached substitute sequence listing using Checker version 4.1 and no errors were found.

Continued examination of the present application is respectfully requested.

The diskette enclosed herewith contains a computer readable form of the Sequence Listing for the above-referenced patent application. The information recorded in computer readable form on the diskette is identical to the written sequences contained in the application as filed. The computer readable form of the sequence listing contained on this diskette is understood to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f). Also enclosed is a computer print-out of the sequence listing. The Applicants note that this amendment replaces the computer print out version of the sequence listing already a part of the present application. No new matter is being introduced by this submission and the amendment.

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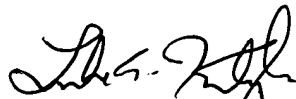
It is believed that no fee is required to make this complete and timely filing. However, if it is determined that a petition or fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee associated with this statement to our Deposit Account No. 50-0925 and please consider this a petition.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request consideration of this application and timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner deem that any further action by Applicants or Applicants' undersigned representative is desirable and/or necessary, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number set forth below.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to deposit Account No. 50-0925. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and should also be charged to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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